

way of a fifty-five-hour week, two of the establishments agreeing to pay their men at the rate of sixty hours a week for fifty-five hours' work. So far as concerns the other textile establishments in the city, the strike is still on.

President Roosevelt returned to Washington on June 5 from his memorable trip of over two months throughout the west. In sixty-five days he covered fourteen thousand miles and over and no accidents occurred to mar the journey. During the trip the president made 265 speeches.

The recent disastrous floods along the course of the Missouri river that devastated so much territory in Kansas and Missouri is sweeping down the Mississippi river and great alarm is felt in St. Louis in regard to the situation. On June 5 it was reported that the lower part of that city was inundated and many people had been driven from their homes. From places all along this section come reports of damage and property loss from the raging waters.

The Christian Herald in New York city recently sent a cablegram to the czar asking for an official report of the recent massacre of the Jews at Kischineff and on June 5 received a reply from the director of the Russian police department. In this communication it is declared that the Jews started the riot in the market place, and that several incidents aided in arousing the populace to frenzy against them and the slaughter resulted. The police director declares that the Russian government is doing all in its power to preserve order in this province, but owing to the strained relations existing between the Jews and Russians, difficulty is being met with in this task.

A cablegram from Hong Kong, under date of June 5, estimates the number of starving people in Kwang Si province at over one million. Children and women are freely offered for sale in this district and the distress is acute.

A Richmond, Va., dispatch of June 5 says: United States Senator Daniel was today declared the nominee of the democratic party as his own successor for the United States senate. His name was the only one presented. Senator Daniel is now serving his third term in the senate.

#### Fascination of Angling.

The angler's art is but a pretext or rather the incentive to ramble and not the sole object of the fisherman, unless, alas! he belongs to that too common variety the man whose sole object is his catch. Such a man fishes with a worm, hides fingerlings in the depth of his basket and photographs his catch as a witness of his crimes. He is not a fisherman, but a butcher. A yellow primrose on the river's bank is to him a primrose and nothing more. The true fisherman loves to catch fish, to match his wits against the wary trout, but as he wanders from pool to pool the songs of the birds greet him restfully; every turn in the stream reveals a nook in which strange wild flowers nestle. The gentle excitement of the sport prevents the scene from becoming monotonous. The element of chance, the uncertainty of the catch add the drop of tobasco sauce which gives zest to the day. And the noontide meal by the brink of the stream! When did a meal have a more delightful flavor? Delmonico never served a trout like unto those we have eaten by the banks of a mountain brook with the clear blue sky above, the waving forest round about and the murmuring stream at our feet. The hour of contemplation comes afterward with the

pipe of peace in our hand instead of the relinquished rod. How far off the city seems! Are there such things as corporations, trusts, stocks, bonds, electric lights that amaze the sight, harsh warnings of trolley gongs, the rumble and grind of the wheels and the break on the elevated road which affright the ear? The harshest note that breaks the stillness here is the boom of the bittern in the distant marsh. Home to camp the fisherman goes, taking a cast in this silent pool in which the trout rose in the forenoon to his cast but missed the fly, or in that dark hole deep under the bank in which a vigilant eye may detect the brown sides of a trout with lazily waving fins and tail—an old campaigner not easily caught.—Dr. A. T. Bristow, in The World's Work.

#### Paragraphic Punches.

Houston Post: And now they are calling the irregularities in the post-office department "nepotism." We thought plain stealing was the term applicable.

Joplin Globe: Of course the Pennsylvania libel law is outrageous, but really it is as bad as the newspaper law that a republican congress imposed on the Philippines?

St. Joseph Gazette: Up to this writing no McKinley democrat has accepted Mr. Metcalfe's challenge to write and print a democratic platform acceptable to the followers of Mr. Cleveland.

Houston Post: Postmaster General Payne might find out something about the "irregularities" of which his subordinates have been guilty if he would devote less time to discrediting what he terms frivolous charges.

Pittsburg Dispatch: A supreme court decision holds that a passenger in a street car must stay in his seat until the car stops. This is all right, provided the logical corollary is affirmed that when the passenger gets on the car must not start until he is seated.

Washington Post: When former Mayor Ames of Minneapolis was arrested in New England he insisted that the people of Minneapolis would be glad of the opportunity to vote for him again. Twelve of them promptly voted unanimously to give him a six-year term.

Indianapolis Sentinel: And now the farm implement industries appear to have fallen almost completely under trust domination, and the farmer will be more than ever a tribute-payer. However, he may console himself that he is protected from competition with the pauper wheat and potatoes of Europe in this country.

St. Joseph Gazette: It is said that Providence guards drunkards, children and fools, but certainly the rule is not invariable. Pennsylvania has a fool governor who threatens to suppress the publication of a score of newspapers that have dared to publish cartoons offensive to his excellency! When Providence permits the governor of a great state to enter upon such an enterprise, evidently Providence has concluded to renounce guardianship and call in the fool-killer.

#### The Passing of the Gourd.

Water is never so pleasant from a tin dipper or from a cut glass goblet as from a gourd. The tin dipper smacks of cheapness, vulgarity. It is tawdry and leaky. The cut glass goblet suggests cracked ice and a dark brown taste the next morning. The gourd has the flavor of home and shade trees and the hint of sunbonnets and calico. The water bottle gives thought of dinner parties and dress suits and decolette dresses and other evidences of progress and poverty of ideas. The gourd reminds of the outdoors and red cheeks and redder lips; the simple life of yesterday when we had time to be friendly and

understanding enough to be real. Alas, that the gourd has disappeared before the coming of the tin dipper and the glass goblet. No one has tasted genuine happiness who has not quaffed spring water from an old-fashioned gourd.—Columbia (Mo.) Herald.

#### Does This Explain?

The Nebraska Independent throws some light upon the president's tour in the following editorial:

"A quarrel having resulted among railroad officials out in San Francisco, one of them, while in angry mood, told some things that will enlighten the said farmer and many others as to who pays the expenses. This railroad man, Mr. Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific, having for that road refused to contribute anything toward the local expenses of entertaining the president, put up as an excuse that the presidential train was being hauled free, as well as the junketing train of the local politicians who go out to meet the presidential party, and that the company hauled the trains containing the militia companies free also, and further that the road would not contribute. Mr. Watkins, who had the entertainment of the president in charge, said that he replied to Mr. Kruttschnitt 'that, as the president is the representative of a client of the Southern Pacific which pays to that corporation between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000 annually for hauling troops, freight and mail, a free ride to such a customer was not an extraordinary courtesy.'"

#### A Lesson in Punctuation.

A Philadelphia schoolgirl said to her father the other night: "Daddy, I've got a sentence I'd like to have you punctuate. You know something about punctuation, don't you?" "Yes; a little," said her cautious parent, as he took the slip of paper she handed him. This is what he read: "I saw a \$5 bill blow around the corner." "Well, I'd simply put a period after it, like this." "I wouldn't," said the High School girl. "I'd make a dash after it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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